

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 8, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Yale Cantor, Chairman at 6:38 P.M.

PRESENT: Helen Filloramo, Sue Stack, Sandi Orsini, Cindy Heidari, Melinda Ferry, Yale Cantor, Hassan Salley,

ABSENT: Sharon Schall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned (H. Salley), Seconded (S. Stack), and passed to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2006 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: H. Filloramo, S. Stack, and S. Orsini will be honored by the Board of Selectmen on Monday, June 19th for 10 years of service and membership on the Human Services Commission.

Renters' Rebate Program will be starting up this month beginning May 15th. We plan on starting after this deadline to be able to handle the last minutes calls from individuals seeking to sign up for Medicare Part D.

The senior center director and elderly outreach caseworker have teamed up to create an advocacy group made up of seniors interested in aging issues. The next meeting is Thursday, June 15th and the subject will be elderly housing. The Human Services Director will be the featured speaker.

The TRIAD Spring Kick-Off is moving along on schedule. We have the vendors lined up. Bolles Motors purchased glow sticks to be given away that day. Fred Bird will be on hand to take photos of any one who did not participate in the Fall kick-off program. Remaining to be completed is the publicity and additional sponsors to donate to pay for the refreshments and complimentary plastic bags with the TRIAD logo.

OLD BUSINESS: To date the Human Services Budget has not been cut by the Board of Finance.

The State Department of Transportation awarded the Town of Ellington a \$21,000 transportation grant which will be used "as a pass through" for Hockanum Valley's Dial-A-Ride Program.

The Town Planner, Robert Phillips could not meet with us tonight. He will come and present to us in October along with the Public Works Director, and Town Engineer to discuss the build out analysis and housing.

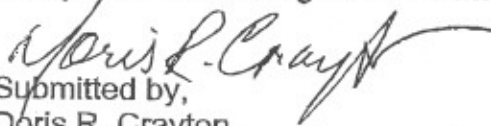
NEW BUSINESS: Our E-MATS Program has taken off faster than we anticipated. We have gone from 20 riders to 93 riders in two years. If our NCAAA grant is awarded for a third year we

will use the money to expand the service which pays for the van driver's hours. We will charge donations to off set the rising gasoline prices and to hire a part time scheduler for 15 hours per week. The scheduler will also serve as substitute van driver.

At the next meeting in June a sub-committee will be established to begin to review housing concepts and designs, and statistical housing data in preparation for the October meeting with the town planner. Volunteers are sought to be on this committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motioned (H. Salley), Seconded (H. Filloramo) and passed by those present to re-elect Yale Cantor as Chairman, and Sue Stack and Sandi Orsini as Co-Vice Chair Persons for a two year term to end in May 2008.

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned (H. Salley), Seconded (M. Ferry) and passed by all those present to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.


Submitted by,
Doris R. Crayton,
Acting Secretary